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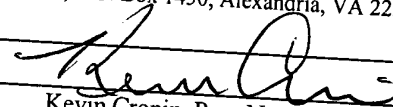
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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FILTER VESSEL AND METHOD**
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003. Applicants request a three month extension of time and enclose a check to cover the required fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or overpayment in the required fees to our Deposit Account No. 141449 under order No. 22730-27.

Please amend the above identified U.S. Patent application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 7, 8, and 12 as shown on the following pages.